

GEORGE W. FARR.

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Mr. FOSTER, of Washington, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10531.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10531) granting an increase of pension to George W. Farr, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House of Representatives, hereto appended, is adopted and the passage of the bill is recommended.

The House report is as follows:

Mr. Farr, now 59 years of age, served as a private in Companies C and B, Seventy-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, from March 21, 1864, to September 11, 1865, when honorably discharged.

The medical records of the War Department do not show that he was under treatment during his period of service.

He is now pensioned under the act of June 27, 1890, at \$12 per month for total disability, the result of injury of left side and loss of sight of the right eye.

His claim to pension under the general law, filed in 1897, and based upon diarrhea, piles, rheumatism, and injury to left hip, was rejected in April, 1899, upon the ground of no record in the War Department of the existence of said disability and claimant's inability to furnish satisfactory evidence to show incurrence of the same in the service and line of duty.

He filed some general proof of comrades that he was troubled with rheumatism, and that some hard substance struck him in the eye, resulting in loss of sight of the eye, while in the service, and that he was thrown against the breastworks, resulting in the breaking of several ribs; also some proof that upon his return from the service he continued to complain of rheumatism and of his right eye, and of a fracture of his ribs, but no medical evidence was filed as to treatment prior to 1893.

When last examined, on June 7, 1898, the board of surgeons rated him \$2 for fracture of ribs, \$12 for loss of sight of the right eye from atrophy of the optic nerve, and \$4 for piles, and found loss of the right leg about the middle of the thigh, due to an injury received while in a logging camp in May, 1894, and also rheumatism, for which rated \$12.

It is shown that the beneficiary is in dependent circumstances, being, of course, unable to do any labor whatever by reason of his disabilities.

Testimony filed with your committee shows that the beneficiary is now blind in the right eye; that he has to go on crutches on account of the loss of his right leg; that about two years ago he fell and fractured his left ankle, and that he requires the aid and attendance of another person to assist him in dressing and undressing, and that he is an honorable and upright citizen and has the respect and confidence of all who know him, etc.

In view of his great affliction, his honorable service, and poverty, an increase of his pension from \$12 to \$24 per month is justified.

The passage of the bill is therefore recommended.

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